

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 2 1. A method of data object transformation, the method including:  
3 receiving a message from a communications line, the message including  
4 one or more data objects of a first object type, wherein the message is in a first  
5 communications format;  
6 converting the message from the first communications format to a  
7 second communications format;  
8 converting the one or more data objects from the first object type to a  
9 second object type, wherein the one or more data objects are converted using  
10 a first set of one or more transformation classes, each of the one or more  
11 transformation classes generated using mapping rules; and  
12 transmitting the converted one or more second object type data objects  
13 to an application.
- 14 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the communications line is  
15 messaging middleware, and the first communications format is a middleware-  
16 dependent format, and the second communications format is a middleware-  
17 independent format.
- 18 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein each of the one or more data  
19 objects is a Java object.
- 20 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first object type is a domain  
21 object model type and the second object type is an application-specific object  
22 model type.
- 23 5. A method according to claim 1, further including:  
24 registering the application with the communications line; and  
25 transmitting high-level function calls to the application.
- 26 6. A method according to claim 1, the method further including:  
27 receiving a second message from the application, the second message  
28 including one or more data objects of the second object type;  
29 converting the one or more data objects from the second object type to  
30 the first object type, wherein the one or more data objects are converted using  
31 a second set of one or more of the transformation classes;

- 1           generating a communications line dependent message, the
- 2   communications line dependent message including the converted one or more
- 3   first object type data objects; and
- 4           transmitting the communications line dependent message to the
- 5   communications line.
- 6   7.     A method according to claim 6, wherein the communications line is
- 7   messaging middleware, and the first communications format is a middleware-
- 8   dependent format, and the second communications format is a middleware-
- 9   independent format.
- 10   8.     A method according to claim 6, wherein each of the one or more data
- 11   objects is a Java object.
- 12   9.     A method according to claim 6, wherein the first object type is a domain
- 13   object model type and the second object type is an application-specific object
- 14   model type.
- 15   10.    A method according to claim 6, further including:
- 16           registering the application with the communications line; and
- 17           transmitting high-level function calls to the application.
- 18   11.    A method of data object transformation, the method including:
- 19           generating a first object model and a second object model, the first
- 20   object model including a plurality of data objects of a first object type, and the
- 21   second object model including a plurality of data objects of a second object
- 22   type;
- 23           storing the first and second object models in one or more memories;
- 24           generating transformation mapping rules;
- 25           generating a plurality of transformation classes using the first and
- 26   second object models and the transformation mapping rules;
- 27           receiving one or more data objects;
- 28           converting the received one or more data objects, using the
- 29   transformation classes, from (1) the first object type to the second object type;
- 30   or (2) from the second object type to the first object type; and
- 31           transmitting the converted one or more data objects.

- 1 12. A method according to claim 11, wherein each of the one or more data  
2 objects is a Java object.
- 3 13. A method according to claim 11, wherein the first object model is a  
4 domain object model and the second object model is an application-specific  
5 object model.
- 6 14. A method according to claim 11, wherein the first object type is a domain  
7 object model type and the second object type is an application-specific object  
8 model type.
- 9 15. A method according to claim 11, wherein the one or more data objects  
10 are receive from messaging middleware.
- 11 16. A method according to claim 11, wherein the one or more data objects  
12 are receive from an application, the application coupled to a communications  
13 line.
- 14 17. A system for data object transformation, the system including:  
15 one or more processors;  
16 one or more memories coupled to the one or more processors; and  
17 program instructions stored in the one or more memories, the one or  
18 more processors being operable to execute the program instructions, the  
19 program instructions including:  
20 receiving a message from a communications line, the message  
21 including one or more data objects of a first object type, wherein the  
22 message is in a first communications format;  
23 converting the message from the first communications format to a  
24 second communications format;  
25 converting the one or more data objects from the first object type  
26 to a second object type, wherein the one or more data objects are  
27 converted using a first set of one or more transformation classes, each  
28 of the one or more transformation classes generated using mapping  
29 rules; and  
30 transmitting the converted one or more second object type data  
31 objects to an application.

1 18. A system according to claim 17, wherein the communications line is  
2 messaging middleware, and the first communications format is a middleware-  
3 dependent format, and the second communications format is a middleware-  
4 independent format.

5 19. A system according to claim 17, wherein each of the one or more data  
6 objects is a Java object.

7 20. A system according to claim 17, wherein the first object type is a domain  
8 object model type and the second object type is an application-specific object  
9 model type.

10 21. A system according to claim 17, wherein the program instructions further  
11 include:

12 receiving a second message from the application, the second message  
13 including one or more data objects of the second data format;

14 converting the one or more data objects from the second object type to  
15 the first object type, wherein the one or more data objects are converted using  
16 a second set of one or more of the transformation classes;

17 generating a communications line dependent message, the  
18 communications line dependent message including the converted one or more  
19 first object type data objects; and

20 transmitting the communications line dependent message to the  
21 communications line.

22 22. A system for data object transformation, the system including:

23 a communications line;

24 a transformation adapter coupled to the communications line, the  
25 transformation adapter including:

26 an assembly/disassembly layer configured to convert messages  
27 from a first communications format to a second communications format;

28 a transformation layer configured to convert data objects from a  
29 first object type to a second object type using one or more  
30 transformation classes; and

31 a method invocation layer;

1           a transformation class generator coupled to the transformation adapter,  
2 the transformation class generator configured to generate the one or more  
3 transformation classes using transformation mapping rules; and  
4           an application coupled to the transformation adapter, wherein the  
5 application transmits data to and receives data from the method invocation  
6 layer.

7 23. A system according to claim 22, wherein the communications line is  
8 messaging middleware.

9 24. A system according to claim 22, wherein each of the one or more data  
10 objects is a Java object.

11 25. A system according to claim 22, wherein the first object type is a domain  
12 object model type and the second object type is an application-specific object  
13 model type.

14 26. An apparatus for data object transformation, the apparatus including:  
15           means for generating a first object model and a second object model,  
16 the first object model including a plurality of data objects of a first object type,  
17 and the second object model including a plurality of data objects of a second  
18 object type;

19           means for storing the first and second object models;

20           means for generating transformation mapping rules;

21           means for generating a plurality of transformation classes using the first  
22 and second object models and the transformation mapping rules;

23           means for receiving a one or more data objects;

24           means for converting the received data objects, using the transformation  
25 classes, from the first object type to the second object type; and

26           means for transmitting the converted one or more data objects.

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